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Dr. Mark McClellan, who a leading Washington pundit says is “widely regarded as one of the most effective of all Bush appointees,” brings a wealth of practical and in-depth experience to his role overseeing Medicare and Medicaid, the programs which provide essential health care services to more than 90 million Americans.

A physician and award-winning health care economist, Dr. McClellan was sworn in as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on March 25, 2004, following Senate confirmation by unanimous voice vote.

As Administrator, Dr. McClellan has led CMS toward a new focus on quality, bringing modern preventive health care to those in Medicare and Medicaid. Under Dr. McClellan’s leadership, CMS is implementing Medicare’s new prescription drug coverage, which delivers a key aspect of modern medicine to America’s seniors and people with a disability. Dr. McClellan is also leading the effort to bring a community care focus to Medicaid, so those who need help can get it closest to home.

Before coming to CMS, Dr. McClellan served as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration from Nov. 2002 to March 2004. During 2001 and 2002, Dr. McClellan served in the White House as a Member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, where he advised on domestic economic issues and was a senior policy director for health care and related economic issues. From 1998-99, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, where he supervised economic analysis and policy development on a wide range of domestic policy issues.

Previously, Dr. McClellan was Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University and Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford Medical School. At the medical school, he was Director of the Program on Health Outcomes Research. He was also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Dr. McClellan’s award-winning research studies focus on the quality of health care, treatment decisions and health outcomes, the effects of medical treatments and technological change, among other subjects. He earned his M.D. degree from the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology and his Ph.D in Economics from MIT. A board-certified Internal Medicine physician, Dr. McClellan completed his residency training in internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and he is a Member of the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. McClellan was born June 26, 1963 in Austin, Texas. He and his wife, Stephanie, are the parents of twin daughters.